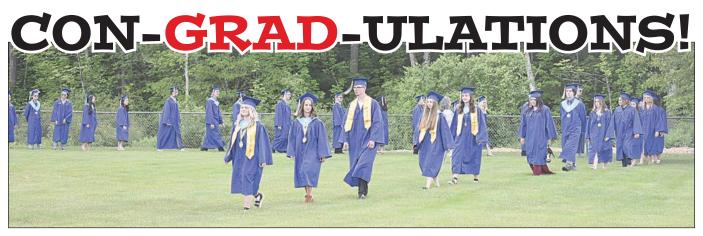
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Gateway Regional High School Class of 2021 marches across the field to their graduation led by Valedictorian Victoria Kot on Friday, June
4. See more photos on pages 10 & 11.

Photo by Shelby Macrie



Katelynn Dunn and Ian Dunlap fire off confetti cannons with their classmates to celebrate the graduation of the Hampshire Regional High School Class of 2021 on Friday, June 4. See more photos on pages 12 & 13.

Photo by Peter Spotts



Hampshire Regional graduates, friends, and family were entertained with a surprise fireworks display to celebrate this year's graduates and the unique year they endured.

Photo by Peter Spotts

#### **HAMPSHIRE**

## Class of 2021 get explosive send off

By Peter Spotts

The Class of 2021 celebrated what has been an unusual senior year and, with all its up and downs, the 97 members were able to sit with their classmates on the field at Hampshire Regional with friends and family and share their final moment of High School together, in-person, as a class.

Valedictorian Elias Touchette reminded his classmates the importance of embracing their unique strengths and continuing to march to the beat of their own drum as they leave Hampshire.

As the year drew to a close, we created projects that could focus on almost anything with which we identified. Once finished, everyone gathered to view each other's work," Touchette said. "At that moment, I saw everyone marching to a different drum, but somehow we were all marching together. And it was at that moment that I realized that if we listened to our own music, we ultimately march in

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#### **GATEWAY**

## Gators relish final day under the sun

By Shelby Macri

The 56 seniors of the Gateway Regional High School Class of 2021 received their diplomas together, in-person on Friday, June 4.

With the lifting of the mask mandate at the end of May, the school allowed seniors to be mask-free during the outdoor graduation.

Senior musicians had a chance to perform together for their classmates, friends, and family one last time with the band performing "Don't you Forget About Me" by Simple Minds. Class Vice President Daniel McKellick gave the Senior welcome before the Salutatorian speech given by Rebecca Hyjek; both spoke about fond school memories and the aspects that lay beyond Gateway Regional High School.

"This is your final chance to look at these last few years and look out at this amazing school community around you," McKellick said. "From handshakes in the hallway, to political debates in Mr. Mosher's

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#### WILLIAMSBURG

## 22 articles warrant approved by voters

**By Peter Spotts** 

Town voters made swift work of the 22-article Annual Town Meeting warrant on a sunny evening inside a tent behind Anne T. Dunphy Elementary school on Monday, June 7.

Several residents were attending their first town meeting as residents in Williamsburg. Finance Committee Chairman Paul Wetzel explained the finer details of the town budget and the unique opportunity residents have when voting the budget on the floor.

"Right here, when you pay your taxes, this is where it goes," said Wetzel, holding up the multiple-page line-item budget.

The town operating budget passed all its items without issue. The school budget had was misprinted in the warrant and had to add the \$55,910 for the elementary school. The total budget when amended for the town's fiscal 2022 budget is \$8,

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#### HUNTINGTON

## Voters make quick work of warrant

By Shelby Macri

It was one of the fastest Annual Town Meeting's as residents wrapped up voting 12 articles in about half an hour on Monday June 7.

The meeting was held in the Auditorium inside Gateway Regional High School, allowing people to seat six feet or more apart and a light breeze from air conditioning to ease the heat of wearing a mask.

Moderator George Peterson dove right into warrant articles at 7 p.m., grouping boiler plate articles 2 through 6 together. The five articles were grouped together and passed unanimously as they are annual articles necessary for town operations to function. These include allowing the Selectboard to choose town officers that don't need to be voted in, and to allow the Treasurer to sell and convey by public auction parcels of real estate; authorize the Selectboard to apply for the state's Small Cities Program and other federal or state monies; and authorize the Selectboard to enter into contracts with the state Department of Transportation for the construction and maintenance of public highways for fiscal 2022.

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## HUNTINGTON

## Summer camp begins July 12

HUNTINGTON — The Huntington Recreation Committee has completed plans for summer camp. The camp will be held three days a week on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, at Pettis Field starting July 12 and running through Aug. 18.

The camp is open to Huntington residents ages 5 to 11. Children will be broken into two age groups, approximately 5-7 and 8-11, and will meet at consecutive sessions for one and half hours between 9 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Camp Director Ms. Susan will be returning to engage with

children including lots of fun activities like tie dying, scavenger hunts, outdoor play, special guests, and some field trips.

As this year's camp is not in the usual format, parents are asked to be flexible and parent involvement for field trips is requested. The Recreation Committee are so happy to have the opportunity to engage in activities again.

Space is limited. Registration forms will be available soon online; cost is \$20 per child. For more information, contact Vicki at recreation@huntingtonma.us.

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As the weather warms and our gardens begin to grow, our readings from Ezekiel 17:22-24 and Mark 4:26-34 invite us to hear stories about branches and trees, seeds and weeds, and growth and to wonder what all this has to do with the kingdom of God and our part in it.

The pastor is always available to speak with you. If you do not receive our emails and would like to connect with our Zoom worship service and/or fellowship time, please contact Pastor Carol at first-churchofhuntington@gmail.com to receive the information you will need to participate or send us a message on Facebook.

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Nine articles were passed unanimously and the other three were passed with one opposed. The budget this year was accepted with one opposed; the budget carries a total of \$5,615,334.

Articles 8 through 11 had to do with the school budget; Article 8 was the town's assessment of \$2,925,044 and was accepted with one opposed; articles 9 through 11 were accepted unanimously. The vocational tuition cost is

\$626,967 and vocational transportation is \$81,423. Lastly, the OPEB trust fund account of \$12,000 was accepted and added to the total town budget.

The last two articles included transferring \$73,703 from the Capitol Equipment Stabilization Fund in order to purchase a new truck for the Highway Department. The new truck will have a dump body and snowplow to replace the current truck for the Highway

Department and was passed with one opposed.

The last article was to change the legal posting places from six posting places to five posting places as the Knightville Package Store has closed and will be deleted from the posting place language.

Prior to the ATM, a special town meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. The STM had one warrant article and no discus-

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sion as it asked to transfer money to Operational accounts. The warrant was approved with one opposed, so the sum of \$24,900 will be transferred from Free Cash and divided up to go in three different operational accounts. Fire Truck Maintenance will receive \$10,000, Sewer Building and Equipment Maintenance will receive \$10,000, and Veterans Relief Benefits will receive \$4,900.

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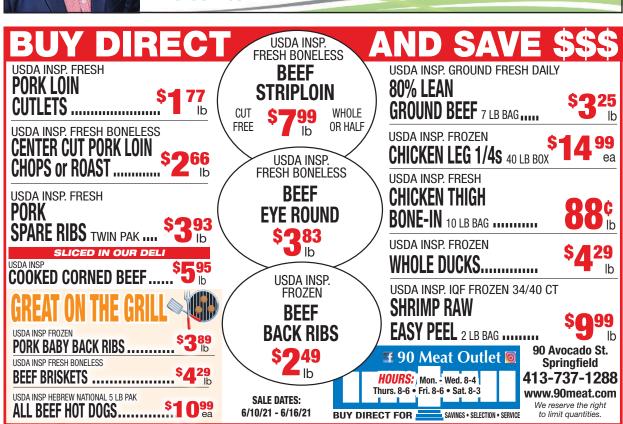
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## **BLANDFORD**

## First fiber service area gets closer to activation

BLANDFORD - Fiber Service Area O4 will be the first area to be activated with the new high speed internet access via fiber-optic wiring.

This area includes North Blandford Road, Gore Road, North Street/Chester Road and all roads with which they inter-

The next step begins June 14 with 10 installations per weekday and eight on Saturdays in the order of which households signed up for broadband service. There are 184 premises signed up for broadband in this segment. This includes 59 cold drops, which are fiber to the house, without service.

Chair Peter Langmore, the 125 households signed up for actual service will be connected first, and then the cold drops will be made.

The service household connections will be completed in just over two weeks, followed by the cold drops.

Langmore has identified 10 "friendlies", which are households designated to test the first installation of broadband. This has been completed and the ten households are now up and running.

The Reichert household on Blair Road, the only Blair Road household served from North Blandford Road, is

According to Municipal Light Plant one of the friendlies, and has been connected to both the high speed internet and telephone service.

> George Reichert said, "The Westfield G&E did a fantastic job not only providing the hardware but also providing service and information about television packages that may be available." They were really helpful with senior service, according to Reichert.

> Preparation for fiber installation continues throughout the rest of the town, according to Langmore.

> Fiber optic wire waiting to be connected in Blandford. Photo by Mary Kronholm



## Finance Committee ready for Annual Town Meeting June 21

BLANDFORD — The annual Finance Committee informational meeting, locally known as the Mini-Town Meeting, was held Monday evening at the town offices.

"There weren't a whole lot of people there, but that's ok," said Finance Committee Chair Janet Lombardo.

Lombardo reviewed the budget first in general terms and responded to questions about free cash, stabilization and the school budget.

She told the handful of residents that the town had "really come a long way" and that the Finance Committee had stayed within the boundaries of Proposition 2 1/2 in formulating the fiscal year 2022 budget.

The town will vote on the budget and warrant articles on Monday, June 21 at the Annual Town Meeting. Copies of the Town Report are available online at the town website or may be requested in writing to the Town Clerk.

## Community conversations hosted by library

BLANDFORD — "Residents can help the Porter Memorial Library preserve the recent past for future generations," said Library Director Nicole Daviau, looking at upcoming dialogue sessions.

The first Community Conversation is set for this Saturday, June 12, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the library.

This session will provide an opportunity for community members to learn about the library's long history and to share their memories of the library over the years. These shared stories will be incorporated into a series for the upcoming permanent StoryWalk in historic Watson Park.

"Sharing our memories builds a collective identity and forms the foundation of a strong community," said Daviau.

After the dividing events and isolation of the last year, reconnecting to share memories has never been more important.

The next story sharing session will be Wednesday, June 30, from 6 to 7 p.m. for people to impart their own memories of Watson Park.

These opportunities and the StoryWalk have been made possible through the American Library Association "Libraries Transforming Communities" grant.

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## **OPINION**



#### EDITORIAL

## Light never dims for Class of 2021

ampshire Regional Principal Kristen Smidy said it best when she told the Class of 2021 that, no matter how the universe tried to do it, they "never let your light go out."

The Class of 2021 from both Hampshire Regional and Gateway Regional capped off a senior year like no other and despite all the ups, downs, and curveballs thrown at them, 97 Raiders and 56 Gators sat on the fields outside their respective schools and received their diplomas.

The graduation ceremony was different in many ways from past ceremonies. It was even different from last year's graduation, which was held in August instead of June. The graduates did not proceed in pairs out the front door onto the front lawn. Many people brought their own lawn chairs to in groups with their families, and attendance was limited. But it also showed how far we've come over the past year. Graduates and their guests didn't were not all wearing masks, students performed their final vocal and instrumental songs, and a diploma was greeted with a handshake, a hug, or a hi five.

The graduates wore caps and gowns. The class valedictorian and salutatorian gave speeches along with the high school principal, superintendent of schools and the class president. The school superintendent certified that the class met all the requirements for graduation. The superintendent and school committee chair handed out diplomas to the graduates. Yes, this year's graduation was different from previous years and even from last year when protocols were stricter with six-foot spaced seats, mask wearing at Gateway or at Hampshire, where every graduate was filmed individually receiving their diploma, from a podium so there was no contact, and edited together in a virtual ceremony streamed online on graduation day.

The Class of 2021 graduates still reached an important milestone in their lives. They made plans for their futures. Soon, they will be attending colleges, pursuing post-graduate programs, joining the military, or entering the

Local businesses supported the special graduation section through their advertising and offered well wishes to the graduates. The Country Journal staff and Turley Publications congratulates the graduates on their accomplishments this year. Despite a pandemic, the Class of 2021 switched to remote, hybrid and then in person learning, made future plans, and still received a diploma, a large accomplishment in difficult times. The graduates are indeed "rock stars."

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### A Hot Time in the Old Town

There were three people at the recycling center today, Sunday, June 6, handing out five-page statements supporting the continuation of Middlefield's contractual relationship with the Hinsdale Volunteer Ambulance Association. The document, which was received by my daughter, was signed "MVFD" with no indication of the author or if a vote was taken by the firemen in support — or the margin of that support.

Middlefield is run by groups and cliques with widely differing agendas. That is as it should be. If this letter was signed as "Citizens for a Better Ambulance Service" it would go un-noticed. Signing it "MVFD" infers approval by the Department and in turn the Fire Chief. That is the problem. It is called insubordination.

On page one, the following statement defines the abbreviation MVFD: "The relationship between Hinsdale Ambulance Association and the Middlefield Volunteer Fire Department, MVFD, can be described as close, strong, and well established."

The Fire Chief is appointed for a oneyear term and serves at the pleasure of the Selectmen. All contracts, such as with ambulance providers, are approved and administered by the Selectmen.

The more specific accusations raised by this letter are included in the second sentence of the first paragraph: "Currently some of our town officials are attempting to terminate this relationship behind closed doors to promote their own personal agendas. It is their intent to end Middlefield's long-standing agreement with Hinsdale ambulance association and create a new arrangement with a privately owned organization, Hilltown Community Ambulance Association, out of Huntington, MA."

I interpret this statement as accusing "some" Selectmen of double dealing, open meeting law violations, and malfeasance. That is only my layman's interpretation, but this letter raises serious questions that must be answered by both sides.

Once this attack by broadside starts, I don't know how it ends, but with a badly damaged Fire Department and Selectboard.

Looks like smoke up on the Skyline.

**Howard Knickerbocker** Middlefield

## A special thanks to Memorial Day musicians

On Monday, May 31 — Memorial Day — I had planned a small Memorial Day Observance at the town center to pay tribute to all Veterans, especially my father, a WWII veteran who passed away in 1998.

I invited anyone in town to come and join me. Approximately 60 people showed up along with our fire department and a firetruck from Huntington. We had no readers, no speakers, but what we did have were five bandmembers. The ringleader had called my house Thursday prior to Memorial Day and asked if I would like some music while we marched to the cemetery. I of course, said come on up and "thank

you very, very much". They played three selections and, in the cemetery, two played "Taps" — one up front and one was the "echo."

There is no way to describe how this piece of music sounds. I would like to thank the following students: Rachel Meacham, Rachael Austin, Sean Forgue, Jackson Harding, and Stanley Meacham. These young people deserve recognition for their participation. I can never thank them enough.

> Paula L. Chapman Montgomery

### **Statue Name Correction**

"Honoring the Fallen" (The Country Journal, May 27, page 5) was incorrectly

The statue pictured with the story named "Victory" in the description. The statue is called "Mourning Glory" and depicts the angel "Victory."

#### **GUEST COLUMN**

## Late spring questions for the Garden Lady

This question came from Peggy, who gardens in ■ Belchertown: "I always enjoy reading your column, and finally I got up the nerve to ask you a question. Last year, and for the first time ever, I grew elephant's ears. Just as you said to do, I dug them up before the first frost. They looked so good, surprisingly, that I kept three of them in pots in a room on the north side of my house where

they only received a bit of indirect sunlight each day. I watered them throughout the winter and they put out some new growth. When the danger of frost had passed, I brought them directly outside of the room they were in, figuring I would harden them



off before planting them in the garden. Before long, however, the leaves yellowed, and turned brown in patches. Do you have a guess as to what happened?'

I am surmising your plants got scalded from the wind and/or the sun. The intensity of the light change from a nearly dark room to outdoors with the wind on top of that, likely shocked the plant. I recommend you cut back any foliage that is too far gone and move

the pots to a very protected, shady area. With any hope, the plants will regrow and you will get some enjoyment out of them this summer. When frost threatens, unearth

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## **OPINION**

#### HILLTOWN HISTORY

## Buzz Mates

#### By Deborah Daniels

The bees were holding an event May 21 at Outlook Farm in Westhampton. We weren't invited, but we were enchanted, stopping to watch what we saw. It looked like a very big drone patrol going on. Carpenter bees were darting here and there and hovering around us as if intensely studying our human behavior. It was phenomenal the way they helicoptered around us flying stationary to have a good look, then accelerating up and away. It was all peaceful, no aggression and no stinging involved! What was going on?

Come to find out these were carpenter bees on a mission to safeguard the perpetuation of the species. They were mating in midair, or they were males protecting the females hard at work gnawing a nest. Only female carpenter bees chew into wood to make a tunnel for laying their eggs in. It is called a gallery. Males do not have a stinger, so no worries. Females have a stinger but since they are hard at work tunneling; they are not free to sting. Plus, they are considered to be docile bees. These bees are not social, hive building, honey making laborers. They are pollinators but they work alone. The female chews an entrance hole in untreated wood to make a gallery. She makes a right angle after this opening and continues tunneling for another 4-6 inches deep. She then places a ball of bee bread (pollen and regurgitated nectar) into the gallery to feed the egg. She lays the first egg deep inside the tunnel and seals the chamber shut. She moves forward repeating the process along





Carpenter bees were busy around Outlook Farm in Westhampton last month.

Submitted photos by Deborah Daniels

the length of the gallery. The eggs will hatch in a few days and turn into larva for two to three weeks and then into pupa for another two to three weeks, living in the tunnel the whole time. Adult bees will emerge at the end of the summer. They then hibernate in the tunnel and emerge to mate in May and June of the next year. They live for about a year. Females often return to their original gallery to lay eggs. This translates into galleries that can measure 10 feet or more in length because of additional extension, with multiple families. Sound like a bit of destructive power attaching to the unprotected porch.

Carpenter bees look like bumblebees with yellow and black hair. A bumblebee's body is entirely fuzzy. A carpenter bee is fuzzy but with no hair on its shiny black abdomen which is the lower back of the bee when looking at it from above. They are large bees. Males have a yellow or white dot on their face, none on the females. They have six legs, compound eyes and two antennae like most bees. They impressively hover in flight. Their large size makes nectar drinking difficult in small tight petaled flowers. They use their mouth to slice the base of these flowers to sip the nectar.

They get a bad rap for the gallery boring they do under roof eaves, decks, fences and wooden lawn furniture. The key to discouraging this is to treat exterior wood with paint. Be sure to plug any tunnel access hole they have made. The bees are known to return to their ancestral home to re-use the original gallery again to nest or to hibernate in. Avoid pesticides and insecticides for the sake of our environment. Spraying your wood with peppermint oil will also discourage boring behavior and who doesn't like the scent of Christmas? Enjoy the show, they only hover, dart and dive bomb for about a week to 10 days. I'm not sure Outlook Farm will top the entertainment of the carpenter bees, but no one will argue about the superb barbecue they put on multiple times in the summer. And where else are you going to get your blueberry muffins and chops on Route 66? Nature will Nurture.

Do you have a memory or historical curiosity from the Hilltowns that you'd like to share with your neighbors? Send your story and photos to countryjournal@turley.com.

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the tubers and store in them in a pot of vermiculite or wrap in paper and store in empty pots at fifty degrees. Pre-start them in a sunny window in late March and gradually acclimatize to the outdoors in mid-May. Good luck!

#### Cutworms

Cutworms are a big problem right now. I have seen many in my own garden. Here is an updated version of answers to a question that ran a few years back, figuring you may find it useful.

I ran into my old friend Don at the dentist office when this question arose: "I planted a lot of cabbage a few weeks

back and in the morning I notice that some of the plants are cut off, right at the base. What is doing this? I find it strange that they aren't exactly eaten, just lying there!"

The pest you mention is the dreaded cutworm. There is nothing more disappointing to visit the garden and see the pepper or broccoli plant that you nurtured indoors for weeks or months chopped down at the soil line in a single night and left there to wither in the sun. According to Barbara Pleasant in "The Gardener's Bug Book," (Storey Publishing \$14.95) cutworms are most active at night. It is then that the moth larvae circle around

the plant to grab a bite or two. Efficient as they are at eating, this snack is all they need for now, but left to their own devices they can ravage the garden of its tender seedlings in just a few evenings. Cutworm collars are the first line of defense. Simply encircle them with strips of heavy paper buried a couple of inches deep. Pint-sized ice cream containers with the bottom cut or the waxy containers that soy milk or orange juice come in work great too and are easily cut to the right size with a pair of scissors. If you already lost a few plants, dig around in the soil next to them and chances are you'll find the soft, hairless caterpillar nearby. Be brave and squish it. Better yet feed it to your chickens, mine find them especially tasty. One wive's tale was to put a long nail next to the seedlings. I tried it once, still had cutworms, then had to get all the nails out of my garden!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley. com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

## **CHESTER**

## Bylaw changes featured on Annual Town Meeting warrant

**By Peter Spotts** 

CHESTER — Annual Town Meeting features several proposed bylaw changes for voters to decide on when the meeting convenes on Monday, June 14, at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall.

The town is looking to a bylaw for code enforcement liens. Code enforcement liens provide a cost-effective method for the town to collected charges, fines, penalties, or a fee assessed against a property owner in town.

The new bylaw would give the Tax Collector responsibility for collecting the lien and assessors can charge a penalty for unpaid liens on the next property tax bill. The code enforcement addition will pair with revisions to the Junk Car Bylaw, which the town has had on the books, but lacked means to enforce it.

Pairing with the code enforcement bylaw is an article to establish a new Code Enforcement Revolving Fund. This fund would be used to collect the funds gathered from liens.

The Dog Control bylaw has a variety of proposed amendments including changing license validity from the period of current rabies vaccination to April 1 through the following March 31, the addition of a new section for a kennel license, late fees of \$10 for renewals after April 15 and \$50 after June 1, and fee exemptions for a service animal or animals owned by a resident over 70.

The last bylaw change on the warrant is for the addition of a Huntington by Written permission Only Bylaw, which would make it illegal to hunt on private property in the town without written permission from the landowner or person in possession of the property.

Selectboard Chairman Barbara Huntoon said town has had issues in the past when it comes to collecting issues enforcement for violations of these issues, which the bylaw additions and changes are looking to address.

"We've had a junk car bylaw for a

while, but no real method for enforcement," she said. "The Hunting Bylaw is proactive."

There is one citizen's petition on this year's warrant. It asks the town to amend the bylaw for land-based wind energy conversion facilities by reducing the max height of a facility from 420 feet above the natural grade to 80 feet. This will require a two-thirds vote to pass.

This year's school budget was level funded by the district if the alternative assessment passes. The town has added a second school budget article in the event the alternative assessment does not pass all six towns. In this scenario, the town will commit \$23,325 from the Education Stabilization Fund to level fund the town's difference between the two assessment methods.

In this year's line-item budget, there are increases of \$8,320 for the Assistant Administrator and \$30,506 for the treasurer. Huntoon explained the assistant is getting increased hours and the treasur-

er's position is changing to a new firm instead of hiring a part-time worker to do the job.

"For years we've tried to hire a treasurer by advertising but have had few applicants," Huntoon said.

The part time pay has not produced highly qualified independent candidates who have been effective in the position."

A new \$15,000 expense for Old School Building maintenance looks to address longstanding issues with the building.

"Right from the start the building will need heat and typical maintenance," Huntoon said. "Hopefully at some point we can get grants to upgrade the building for increased town use, including town offices. The Old School can provide larger, more effective office space and meeting areas. There's a lot of potential there."

Annual Town Meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the Chester Town Hall. For a copy of the full warrant or the fiscal 2022 budget, visit townofchester.net.

## WILLIAMSBURG

#### **MEMORY WALK**



Members of the Hampshire Regional Class of 2021 gathered together at their old elementary school, Anne T. Dunphy, in Williamsburg on Thursday, June 3. They walked down the halls greeted by students and teachers holding up posters and waving pom-poms. This was their first time in two years these young students could celebrate with their older counterparts.

Submitted photos by Jenn Burdick



Teachers Ms. Millette and Ms. Korpita have to look way up to HRHS Graduate Reese Hillenbrand.



Senior Zach O'Connell gets a moment to sign a friend's yearbook.



Elementary schoolers decorated signs to congratulate the soon-to-be graduates.



Senior Katie Joyner joins the kindergarteners she interned with this Spring. They were so proud of her with handmade banners to give to her.

#### Craft fair June 12 to benefit children's fund

WILLIAMSBURG — The Chesterfield-Goshen Children's Fund is hosting a vendor craft fair in the field behind the Helen E. James School building at 16 Main Road in Williamsburg on Saturday, June 12, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

More than 30 local vendors and crafts will be selling items. There will also be a raffle and bake sale with all proceeds going to the Chesterfield,

Goshen, and Williamsburg Children's fund. The Children's fund's mission is to ensure all school-age children in the towns have a special holiday and aims to provide winter gear, clothing and/or a special toy for the children on the list during the holidays.

For more information, please contact Amy Wickland at amyw55@hotmail.com.

VOTERS

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Library Board of Trustee Chair Joan Coryat drew a loud round of applause when she amended the library's request for \$12,500 to repair the North Street walkway has been reduced to \$3,000 thanks to Nick Dines volunteering to help oversee the project and the Highway Department will help as well.

Article 13 approved a new police cruiser for \$55,100, which will replace the department's 2004 cruiser as part of the town's capital plan. One resident asked if the town will be using the new cruiser on construction details, which add wear and tear to the vehicle.

"We try to send out the oldest fleet vehicle, when possible," Police Chief Denise Wickland said.

Residents also approved \$211,100 for the operating, maintaining, and construction of the town water system and \$224,800 for the town sewer system. Roger Bisbee clarified for a resident this does not mean there are plans to extend the sewer system at this time.

The Fire Department received approval from two voters for matching grants. The first is \$20,500 from free cash to purchase and equip a pumper truck with an Assistance Fire Grant. The second grant is a 5% match, totaling \$2,500, for an Assistance Fire Grant to purchase a fill station, which is used to fill the bottles firefighters use to breath while fighting fires.

The town offices are getting much needed technology upgrades. Voters approved \$19,734 to replace the town server and an additional \$3,500 to install and configure multi-factor authentication to protect administrative accounts that have access to town data.

Town Treasurer Nathan Rosewarne presented Article 19, which is fixing an error made when the town acquired a parcel on Goshen Road. The town

acquired the property, but missed a 125foot stretch of road, mainly the driveway. "This makes it hard for the town to

sell [the property]," he said.

Rosewarne confirmed it will most likely be acquired by eminent domain and because the amount of taxes owed on the property exceed its assessed value, it will not cost the town anything to acquire.

Article 20 moved \$150,000 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund. Wetzel the transfer is part of the town's preparation for the newly approved public safety complex construction.

"We're preparing for the financial cost of the public safety complex," Wetzel said. "We're designating money for future budgets to offset the cost of the debt incurred by the safety complex."

Articles 21 and 22 approved two updates to town bylaws. Article 21 made a variety of updates and changes across five pages of the ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installation requirements, which Planning Board member Jean O'Neil said the changes came about from lesson learned from the six permitted or constructed solar facilities in town. The board also had worked with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission to improve the bylaws.

Planning Board Chair Amy Bisbee presented Article 22, which added detached accessory apartments to the accessory apartments bylaw. Detached dwellings will be allowed by special permit, it must be at least 40 feet away from the primary residence, and can be a max size of 1,000 square feet. Bisbee said the bylaw changes were a result of feedback from the 2019 ATM where residents expressed in interest in having detached accessory apartments in addition to accessory apartments.

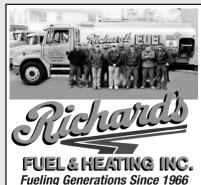
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#### **CLUES ACROSS**

- Most courageous
- 8. Insurance giant 13. Small trace left behind
- 14. In a way, signals 15. The same letter
- or sound at the beginning
- 19. The Great Lakes
- 20. Engage in a contest 21. Drinks served to celebrate a birth (Spanish)
- 22. Manpower
- 23. Undivided
- 24. Strong, magnetic metal
- 25. People of Tanzania 26. Sorts
- 30. Cop car accessory
- 31. Trade
- 32. Sullen and ill-tempered

- 34. Motor vehicles
- 35. Electrodes 38. Polish river
- 39. Human feet 40. Make very hot 44. Toppin and Kenobi
- are two 45. Blackbird
- 46. One point west of
- due south 47. Large beer
- 48. Third stomachs 49. Rare Korean family
- name 50. Hectoliter
- 51. Aquatic invertebrate 55. Where we live
- 57. Poked holes in
- 58. Partner to ways
- 59. \_\_ Ann
- **CLUES DOWN** 1. Expressions of approval

- 33. Distinctive practices of
  - 3. Not awake 4. Roman numeral 7
    - 5. Sun up in New York 6. Institute legal pro
      - ceedings against 7. Bugs homeowners don't want
      - 8. Maltese-Italian composer
      - 9. Very long period of time
      - 10. Touchdown 11. Agents of downfall
      - 12. Complacently or inanely foolish
      - 16. Argentina capital Buenos 17. County in New
      - Mexico 18. An electrically
      - charged atom
      - 25. Type of brandy

- 27. Comments to the 2. Replace the interior audience
  - 28. Tears down
    - 29. Gifts for the poor
    - 30. More painful 32. Good friend
    - 34. Lying in the same plane
    - 35. Line in a polygon 36. Clouds of gas and
    - dust 37. Norse god
    - 38. Health care pro
    - 40. Close tightly 41. One's holdings
    - 42. Became less intense 43. Wilco frontman
    - 45. Woman (French) 48. Expresses delight
    - 51. TV channel (abbr.) 52. Beverage
    - 53. Unit of work or energy
- 22. New Zealand conifer 54. Cleaning accessory
  - 56. Dorm worker

This week's agenda is a clean slate, Aries, and that gives you plenty of time to rest and recharge. Spend a few moments each day to think only about yourwith your plans

Sometimes it is difficult The nature of a relationship with a close partner may get a bit confusing this week, Taurus. Do not react quickly to a situation without prothem at all cessing your thoughts

#### **VIRGO**

Virgo, if you are feeling

Gemini, focusing on spiritual things this week can help you get your priorities in order. It also may help you to slow down and smell the roses for a change

Mar 21/Apr 20

**TAURUS** 

Apr 21/May 21

**GEMINI** 

May 22/Jun 21

#### Jun 22/Jul 22

Your success and receptive attitude may make people skeptical of your purpose. Cancer. Some may even feel jealous. Continue to forge ahead

#### **LEO**

Jul 23/Aug 23

to make up your mind, Leo. However, this week you will be at peace with all of your decisions and will not second-guess

Aug 24/Sept 22

a little uncertain about things at the moment, you may just need a new perspective. Run some ideas by someone you can trust.

#### Sept 23/0ct 23

Libra, you will be confronted with a big decision this week. You should take the time to think about it and maybe mull over a few opinions from trusted

#### **SCORPIO**

friends.

Oct 24/Nov 22

You may need to feel free of some burdens before you can focus on the best version of yourself. There are some obstacles arriving that stand in the way, but they can be resolved.

#### **SAGITTARIUS**

Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, share your vision of life with others who have similar goals. The camaraderie that results will help you to make a list of your collective priorities

#### Dec 22/Jan 20

Life has taken a few twists and turns over the past few days, Luckily Capricorn. you have been able to go with the flow and change your plans on the fly.

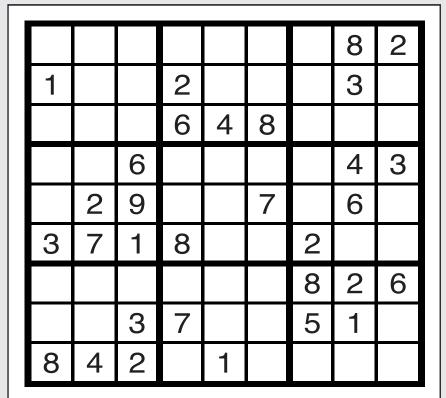
#### **AQUARIUS**

Jan 21/Feb 18 Aquarius,

peaceful and stressfree week is on the horizon. Even though things may not be taxing, take a day off if you can spare it and spend it having fun.

#### **PISCES** Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, before you can reach the summit, vou have to cover a lot of ground and may stumble backwards a few times. Dig in your heels



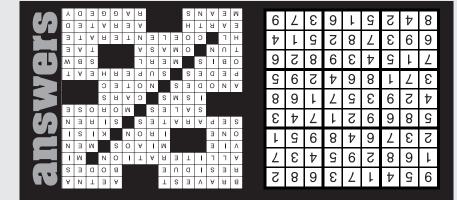


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**Evan Cortis** 



**Nathan Crane** 



**Madison Crawford** 



**Emma Dana** 



Sofia De La Cruz Rivera



Jenna Desourmier



**Tagtgren Doherty** 



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John Gaj



**Marcus Glenn** 



Mia Gozgit



Clarissa Gryzbowski



J. Edmond Holmes



Benjamin Hyjek



Rebecca Hyjek



**Jack Iglesias** 



**Larissa Kingsley** 



Victoria Kot



**Matthew Krassler** 



**Chelsey Krupa** 





**Dylan Lafreniere** 



Justin Marge



Flavio Martin Del Campo



Naomi McCaul



**Heather McEwan** 

Daniel McKellick II



**Matthew Morin** 



Henry Nakaya



**Ashley Neveu** 



**Dylan Nicolle** 



**Zachary Otterbeck** 



















## GATEWAY HIGH SCHOO CLASS OF 2021





**Matthew Puza** 



Sierra Russell



Joel Sakaske



Gabriella Salvini



Ben Saunders



**Nicholas Symmons** 



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Juliya Usataya



**Tryston Wallace** 



Kamryn Wentworth



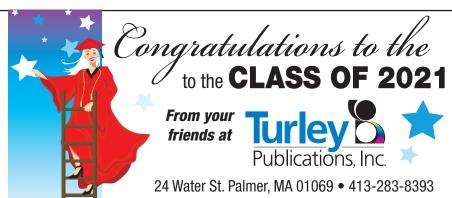
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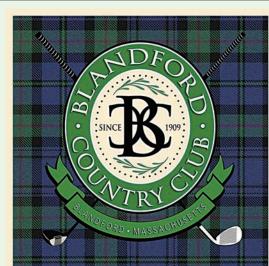
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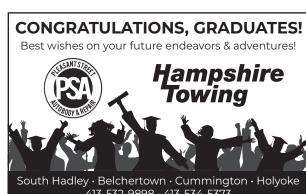


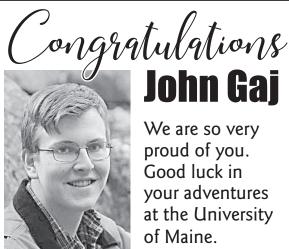
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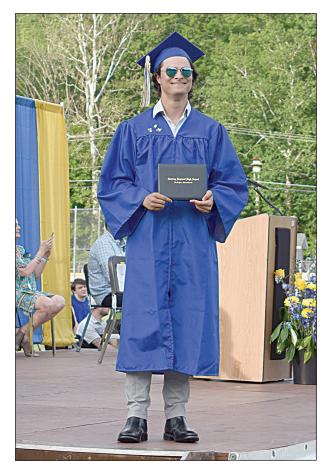
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## GATOR GRADS



From Left, Gateway Regional High School seniors Daniel McKellick, John Gas, Emma Bean-Barlow, Tryston Wallace, Parker Atkin, Gabriella Salvini, Sophia De La Cruz Rivera, and Ashley Neveu perform their final song together, "Don't You Forget About Me" by Simple Minds, during graduation on Friday, June 4.

Photos by Shelby Macri



Joseph Edmond Holmes proudly shows off his diploma after receiving it from Superintendent David Hopson.



Brian Forgue goes to give his dad, Chester School Committee Representative Jason Forgue, a hug before receiving his diploma.



Nicholas Symmons is excited to pose for the camera on his way off stage.



Superintendent David Hopson presents  $\mbox{\it Mia}$  Gozgit with her diploma.

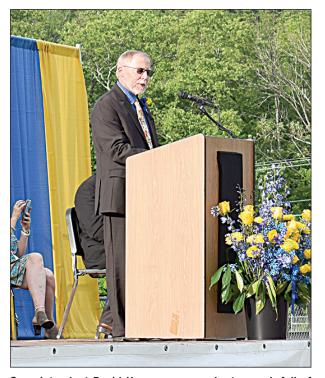


School Committee Chair Michele Crane congratulates her gives her son Nathan.



Class Valedictorian Victoria Kot shares some parting advice for her classmates before they go their separate ways.

## GATOR GRADS



Superintendent David Hopson gave a short speech full of advice for the graduating seniors.



Salutatorian Rebecca Hyjek addresses her classmates.



Valedictorian Victoria Kot is all smiles as she receives the first diploma of graduation.



The Class of 2022 were sending beach balls bouncing around their class during the ceremony as they were able to enjoy the final day of their senior year as a class together on the Gateway field.

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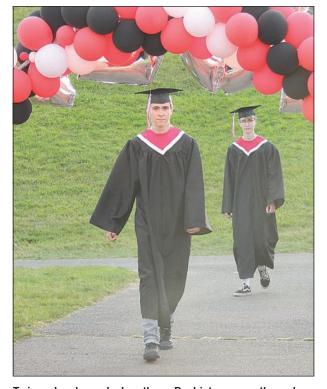
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## SENIOR CELEBRATION



President Caitlin Reardon addresses her classmates for the final time.

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Twins Jacob and Jonathan Bashista pass through a balloon arch onto the Hampshire Regional track during the procession of graduates to their seats during Pomp and Circumstance.



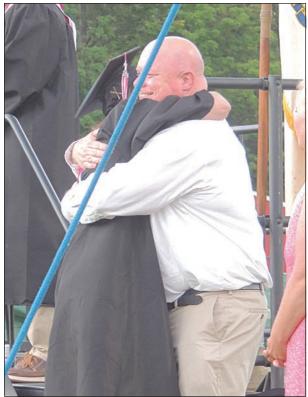
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Salutatorian Pete Tse addresses his classmates, family, friends, and the Hampshire community during his speech.



Sarah Guiel receives her diploma from Superintendent Michael Sullivan.



Lila Labrie and Class Co-Advisor Chris Butler share a hug after Labrie received her diploma.



Setota Touchette poses after receiving her diploma.

## SENIOR CELEBRATION



Katarzyna Wisnauckas, right, and Erin Reynolds perform their final song together, "In My Life," during graduation.



Delaney Marek and Caitlin Reardon hug after Marek received her diploma from Superintendent Michael Sullivan.



Eamon Dwight gets a fist bump from Class Co-Advisor Kim Hallett.



Haley Nimmons waves after getting her diploma.



Anwyn Dickinson, left, waves as she and Kyle Dionne proceeds to their seats.



Superintendent Michael Sullivan hands a diploma to Martha Ahart.



The Class of 2021 turns their tassels, officially Hampshire Regional High School graduates.



## IAMPSHIRE REGIONA CLASS OF 2021









**Benjamin Adams** 



Martha Ahart



Jacob Bashista



Jonathan Bashista



Katelyn Bean



Alyssa Beaulieu



**Colin Boyle** 



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**Bryce Illingsworth** 



Lane Jablonski



Kaelin Jaeger



**Madeline Jenkins** 



**Allison Johndrow** 







**Eamon Dwight** 







## HAMPSHIRE REGIONAL CLASS OF 2021









**Katherine Joyner** 



Jadyn Kopie



John Kowalcyzk



Anastasia Krasun



Lila Labrie



**Miles Lance** 



Sarah Lawton



Paige Lech



Anna Madden



**Delaney Marek** 



**Leah Martin** 



Erica McPhee



**Annamae Montague** 



Frederick Murray



**Madelyn Myers** 



**Haley Nimmons** 



**Colin Noel** 



Nicole Normandin



Kaylie Novak



Avery O'Connell-Karl



Davis O'Connell



Zachary O'Connell



Aiden Oligino



**Ashlynn Packey** 



Jessie Paradis Stern



**Zoe Paradise Stern** 



Emily Pawlikowski



Katherine Pawlikowski



Ava Pease



Caitlyn Pellegrini



**Nathaniel Picard** 



Madelyn Pond







Erin Reynolds



Maggie Rubeck



Sara Russell



Jocelyn Salomao



**Garrett Santos** 



Connor Schrauben



Jillian Scott



## HAMPSHIRE REGIONA CLASS OF 2021























**Larry Weeks** 

**Kennan West** 

**Lauren Wilcox** 

Katarzyna Wisnauckas

**Emily Yan** 

**GATORS** 

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other."

class, to Sebastian clicking coconuts while galloping down the hallway, to the amazing events put on by groups of parents, to long hours at fundraising tables where Jenna would try to braid my hair and Mrs. Rivera would play matchmaker with the class officers, I've personally seen that we have a tightly knit school community like no

Many students laughed and reminisced during the welcome; they also brought blow-up beach balls that they batted around in between speakers and performances.

The Salutatorian speech was kept short, which was a positive as the graduates sat in the sun patiently waiting for their diploma's. Hyjek mentioned that while she'd talk about their future, she wanted to remind the class what they're gathered in the sun to celebrate.

"Our high school careers have come to an end. Our high school careers have been unlike any other," Hyjek said. "We have dealt with remote learning, lack of interaction, and well only having somewhat of a normal year. With that being said, our class has also benefitted through an unconventional year."

Those benefits including gaining confidence that's usually found another year after high school, another benefit the class experienced was having break in the school day that allowed students to get to know each other and staff better.

She didn't leave out the years to come as the next four will continue to be some of the most eventful and life changing. While some will earn college degrees others will have four years of work or four years of service to our country under their belts. Hyjek said the chaos of high school will be hard to forget, but as the class changes in the next four years Hyjek asks that they remember what they had these last 12 years.

A similar message was shared by Valedictorian Victoria Kot, who mentioned that high school is only one of the earliest milestones the class of 2021 would experience. Instead of reliving the moments of high school; including those of the pandemic, Kot gave five pieces of advice to the graduation class including don't fel pressured to do what others are doing, everyone should learn the best way for themselves; failure is not the enemy, but proven to be beneficial for success; don't change for anyone; be accountable; and let go of grudges, savor time with friends, and be filled with joy.

"As we move on with our lives, whether it be moving hundreds of miles away to college, or staying close to home for work; I hope for the best for all of you," Kot said, "These last four years were great, but don't let them be the greatest four years of your lives. The best has yet to come."

After Kot's inspiring speech, guest speaker and Gateway Spanish Teacher Alexis Batra spoke to the graduating class about the wonderful and sometimes stressful times she's had since being hired in April of 2019. Batra has learned and grown with the seniors as everyone adjusted to remote learning, and the switching between remote to hybrid.

"And with that, thank you to the Class of 2021 for showing me what strength and love look like., Batra said. "And perhaps the most important thing, don't forget to invite me and Mr. Batra to your wedding. Congratulations class of 2021!"

Superintendent David Hopson and School Committee Chair Michele Crane helped to hand out the diploma's to the graduating class of 56 seniors. There were smiles all around and Crane gave her son Nathan Crane a hug before he received his diploma, as did committee member Jason Forgue with his son Brian Forgue.

After turning their tassels, graduates left the field to celebrate with their friends, families, and classmates as alumni of Gateway Regional. Good luck Class of 2021!

**CLASS** 

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time, as one class...our diversity is our strength. Whether we continue our education or enter the work force, or whether we take time to find ourselves or go on to serve our country, it is these choices that make the Class of 2021 such a wonderful group of people."

This year's graduation ended with a unique surprise as graduates and their families were serenaded by a fireworks display. It fit with the theme as Principal Kristen Smidy, attending her final graduation as Principal of Hampshire Regional, dubbed the Class of 2021 the "fire" class.

"When someone's candle would go out for whatever reason, many classmates were quick to run into the darkness to re-ignite their friend's light. This wasn't done to show off or for self-promotion. Members of this class genuinely want others to shine brightly," Smidy said. "As you know, Class of 2021, there were plenty of times the universe conspired to extinguish your flame...However, you never let your light go out."

Salutatorian Peter Tse brought laughs to his classmates and the assembled Hampshire community as he reflected on the journey they have gone on since arriving at Hampshire in seventh grade. He also implored them to never lose their curiosity and wonder.

"If you lose interest in life, the lines of intrigue will blur and you will not find happiness," Tse said. "You will not push yourself beyond your limits and you will stagnate. We must stay voracious in our pursuit of knowledge like the young students we once were and still are, even in times of great uncertainty.'

Class Co-Advisors Kim Hallett and Chris Butler shared their favorite memories of working with the 50th class of graduates from Hampshire Regional, the "greatest class Hampshire has ever had!" They encouraged them to never give up on their dreams.

"We've never had a group of kids that say please and thank you more often than you," Butler said. "Even when you were our students, you would thank for teaching you at the end of class. There were many times I thought to myself 'you know I just gave you homework, right?""

Hallett added, "your optimism, kindness towards others, willingness to help those around you, and caring about your community has made you a pleasure to teach and be an advisor. We have thoroughly enjoyed watching you mature into the High School graduates you are about to be."

Seniors also got the chance to perform for a final time as Raiders. The chamber singers pre-recorded the National Anthem and had it played over the jumbotron, Katarzyna Wisnauckas and Erin Reynolds took up their flute and trumpet to perform "In My Life," Sarah Lawton performed "10,000 Hours" on her flute, and choral graduates Katherine Pawlikowski, Kennan West, and Emily Yan performed "For Good" from Wicked.

Following the presentation of the diplomas and the class fired off confetti cannons across the field, the final words were given to President Caitlin Reardon. She shared her five points of success — how they look at something can change the situation, take action, never stop learning, don't be afraid to be innovative and different, and be honest, dependable, and take responsi-

"This list will look different for everyone, but that's the beauty of success — it is not a measure of your wealth, power, or position, and it's not even measured by a list. It is a measure of your values, kindness, and diligence," Reardon said. "I admire you for all your hard wok these past few years and I wish you the very best in the future."

The graduates were sent off with a final surprise from their now alma mater as a fireworks display lit up the sky, a final explosive send-off for an unforgettable class and an unforgettable year.



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## **GOSHEN**

## 25 articles on Saturday, June 12 Annual Town Meeting warrant

By Shelby Macri

GOSHEN — Annual Town Meeting will vote on 25 articles when it convenes on Saturday, June 12, at

Many of the articles deal with the paying of interest from previous town purchases, paying past bills, and transferring money to pay for needed equipment and services. Articles 2 through 4 ask to take money from the Capitol Stabilization Account to fund Police and Highway vehicles and equipment. Similarly articles 7 through 9 ask to transfer money from the Fire Department Vehicle Stabilization account, Free Cash, and the Capitol Stabilization account to pay for a replacement phone system, new Ford rescue vehicle, and a plow and dump truck.

Articles 11 through 14 outline town needed services that require borrowing money from Free Cash. These services include restructuring the towns chart of accounts, the MLP High Speed Internet, tree removal, and paying prior years bills; each need a majority vote to pass. Most of the articles require a majority vote to pass, including articles 15 through 17 that deal with town costs.

Two articles are focused on transferring money back into the Capital Stabilization account. One article asks to put \$38,696 from a demolition of a town-owned structure back into Capitol Stabilization as the previously appropriated funds were not necessary and remained unused. The same goes for the \$24,646 from the new roof design for New Hingham Elementary School, as it also was not being used.

Article 24 proposes changing the dates for the Annual Town Meeting, Caucus, and Election in order to have the current and experienced elected town officials in office during the entire preparation process that leads up to the Annual Town Meeting.

The Caucus is proposed to be moved from the third Monday in March to the Second Monday of April, and the ATM changed from the third Monday in May to the third Saturday of May to allow for more voters to participate. Lastly, the Election would be moved from the first Saturday in May to the first Saturday of June.

Article 25 asks that the "Board of Selectmen" be changed to Select Board, including under any general or special law having the language be changed to Select Board wherever it appears in General and Zoning By-laws; and will be in effect the moment it's passed.

A full copy of the warrant is available at www.goshen-ma.us, or at posting areas like the Town Hall. The Annual Town Meeting will be held in the field behind the Town Offices at 40 Main Street on Saturday, June 12,

## **BECKET**

## Church to hold fundraiser dinner

BECKET — In continuing efforts to raise funds for the repair of the Becket First Congregational Church's damage by powder post beetles, a second to-go dinner will be held on Saturday, June 19, at the First Congregational Church Guild Hall on YMCA Road in Becket.

Pick up times for the dinner will

be between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. The dinner will include baked ham, potato salad, pea/bean salad, and homemade baked beans with strawberry shortcake for dessert. The cost will be \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under 12.

Perhaps by fall the community will be able to have sit down dinners

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## **SANDISFIELD**

## Field Day features local artists, supports Arts Center

SANDISFIELD — The Sandisfield Arts Center is the recipient of all proceeds from an outdoor sculpture exhibit taking place in July in a five-acre field on Route 57 in Sandisfield.

Field Day artists hail from Massachusetts and Connecticut, with many from Sandisfield and neighboring towns. The opening reception is Saturday, July 3, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. with a rain date of Sunday, July 4. Field Day will remain open on weekends throughout the month of July. Admission is "pay what people can" with a suggested donation of \$20 per person for adults.

The outdoor sculpture exhibit is hosted by Liana Toscanini, former President of the Sandisfield Arts Center. A wide walking trail around the perimeter of the field contains semi-circular cut-outs for the sculptures. A golf cart is available for those unable to navigate walking.

This is a safe, outdoor event that uses the arts to bring people together again, after 15 months of pandemic-related hibernation," said Toscanini.

The Sandisfield Arts Center has suffered major event-related revenue loss, like many arts organizations across Berkshire County.

"It's a social and mission-centric way to help," said Toscanini.

Exhibiting artists include Robert Adzema, Bill Cummings, Erika Crofut, Susan Crofut, Sophie Eisner, Jamie Goldenberg, Nancy Johnson, Jaye Moscariello, Robert G. Osborne, Bevan Ramsey, Jon Riedeman, Richard Rook, Karl Saliter, Robin Tost, Natalie Tyler, and Gar Waterman.

Visit sandisfieldartscenter.org to learn more about the fascinating history of the Arts Center building and upcoming events.

## **MIDDLEFIELD**

#### MIDDLEFIELD SENIOR CENTER

Lunch is served at the Senior Center, 169 Skyline Trail, Middlefield, each Wednesday at noon.

A \$3 donation is suggested. Reservations should be made, and meal choice stated, by calling and leaving a message at 413-623-9990 the Monday before. Pick-up and delivery are available. The menu on Wednesday, June 16, is sweet and tangy chicken teriyaki, oriental blend, lo mein noodles, whole wheat bread, and chilled peaches.

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**First Congregational** Church of Becket Request for Proposals Restoration of the First Church Belfry

The First Congregational Church of Becket is seeking proposals from qualified contractors for the restoration of the historic First Church Belfry. The required work is explained in the Contract Documents: "Restoration Notes for Belfry," and drawings A1-A5. This document will contain information required for the Committee to determine a suitable Contractor. The procurement is being conducted pursuant to M.G.L. c. 149.

A copy of the Proposal Documents may be obtained by contacting Jack Rodhouse at 413-623-5014, email at:

krodhousr3@aol.com On site visits shall be 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Saturday, 26 June 2021. All Proposals must be received by 1 p.m. on Wednesday, 14 July 2021, at which time they will be publicly opened. Bids received after this time shall be returned to the proposer.

**Town of Huntington Various** Departments Bids for Equipment and Operators for FY2022, July 1st - June 30th, 2022 Excavator with operator

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**Huntington Highway** Department P.O. Box 430 Huntington, MA 01050 06/10/2021

First Congregational Church of Becket

Request for Proposals for the Restoration of the First **Church First Floor Structure** 

The First Congregational Church of Becket is seeking proposals from qualified contractors for the restoration of the historic First Church First Floor Structure. The required work is explained in the Contract Documents: "Restoration Notes for First Church First Floor **Structure**," and drawings A1and A2. This document will contain information required for the Committee to determine a suitable Contractor. The procurement is being conducted pursuant to M.G.L. c.

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND

**COURT DEPARTMENT OF** THE TRIAL COURT 21 SM 000553 ORDER OF NOTICE

Kenneth Kinghorn a/k/a Ken Kinghorn; Siobhan Hinckley a/k/a Siobhan Marie Christy; Kimberly Lange a/k/a Kimberly Ann Lange

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq)

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as Trustee for the benefit of the Freddie Mac Seasoned Loans Structured Transaction Trust. Series 2019-2

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Huntington, numbered 240 Norwich Lake a/k/a 240 Lakeshore Drive, given by Kenneth Kinghorn, Siobhan Hinckley, Kimberly Lange to Bank of America, N.A., dated September 4, 2007, and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 9260, Page 91 and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers

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Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on May 27, 2021.

Deborah J. Patterson Recorder

06/10/2021

TOWN OF WORTHINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING** 

The Worthington Selectboard will hold a public hearing to consider the Farmers Series Pouring Permit application of the Sena Farm Brewery, 151 Buffington Hill Road, Worthington, MA. The Hearing will be held

Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 6:45 PM. Remote public access is available via phone or computer. The link, phone number and access code can be found on the Town website's community calendar on the date of the meeting. 06/10/2021

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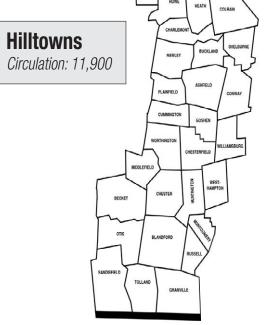
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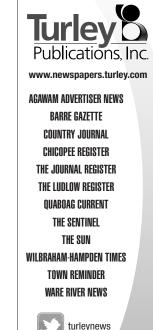
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## **CUMMINGTON**

## Friday Night Café returns outdoors

CUMMINGTON — The Friday Night Café is excited to debut outdoors for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic began tomorrow night, Friday, June 11, at the pavilion in Pettingill Memorial

The performance will be from 6:30 to 8 p.m. with Josh Wachtel and friends, featuring special guest Norma Jean Hayes. It is guaranteed to be fun, eclectic, and celebratory. Live Music is back at the Cafe!

COVID-19 state regulations in place at the time of the show will be followed; if it is damp or threatening rain the Café will

gather under the pavilion; if it is heavy rain, it will be cancelled; if it is a beautiful summer evening, it may be set up on the lawn; guests must bring their own chairs, blankets, snacks, and drinks, but no alcohol is allowed; guests should be prepared

This is the first of six outdoor performances this summer.

Once again, this is brought to the community by the friendly folks at the Village Church who believe that music can be a powerful force for building com-

## WORTHINGTON

## Gun club hosts barbeque June 19

WORTHINGTON Worthington Rod & Gun club will be hosting a Chicken BBQ & Game dinner on Saturday, June 19, at 4 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 for chicken with all the fixings and \$25 for the chicken and 433-0009 or message Jim at 413-207-1024.

The shooting range will be open before dinner. There will also be a Chinese raffle. Participants should bring their own beverages. Call Deana for tickets at 413-

## Hilltown Arts Alliance brings first exhibit to Rabbit Hole June 20

WORTHINGTON — The Arts are Father's Day! alive in the hilltowns! The Hilltown Arts Alliance announces a special preview event showcasing the work of local artists over the past year and to get a sneak peak in to the premiere Hilltown Open Studio Tour later this fall

On Sunday, June 20, at the Rabbit Hole Restaurant at 144 Huntington Road in Worthington from 2 to 4 p.m. a special pop-up exhibit will launch the season featuring the work of Hilltown artists.

The event is a chance to meet the artists that make the hills their home, celebrate and share in the re-opening of arts and culture in the Hilltowns, and to see what hilltown artists have been creating during the shutdown.

Both outdoor and banquet room installations will be on view and appetizers will be served. The event is free; bring pop for

Guests will get to preview art destinations featured in the big event, The Open Studio tour, now scheduled for the weekend of Oct. 2 and Oct. 3.

"We are excited to see what our artists have been working on and get ready for a fall tour," said Hilltown Arts Alliance President Kevin O'Connor. "It's been a long time since we were

able to gather, and we look forward to the return of vibrant arts and culture events. The creative process is so much more meaningful when shared!"

Participating artists to-date (selection still open) include Pleun Bouricius, Valerie Claff, Gloria Conwell, Kathy Ford, Leni Fried, Laurie Israel, Kathryn Jensen, Jeanne Johns, Beckie Kravetz, David Marshall, Kevin O'Connor, Jen Parrish-Hill, Cyndy Sperry, and Robert Sweeney.

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## RUSSELL

## Low turnout for town election

summer day led to a low turnout at this year's town election which saw all positions running unopposed and 43 ballots cast.

Thomas Kulig, Jr. will be joining the Board of Selectman and Tara Balboni returns to her position on the Gateway Regional School Committee. Louis Garlo was elected to Cable T.V. Commissioner and

RUSSELL — A scorching hot Tree Warden, Karen McTaggart to Cemetery Commissioner, Dennis Moran to Sewer Commissioner, Roger Bush, Jr. to water Commissioner, J. Illtyd Fernandez-Sierra to Town Moderator, and Gloria Farrell to Constable.

There were three seats on the Planning Board which went to William Hardie, Sr., James Oleksak, and Michael Carpenter, Sr.

## Annual Town Meeting on Monday focuses on key budget items

RUSSELL — Annual Town Meeting has been kept short and sweet as essential budget items and articles necessary for town operation make up the 14-article warrant.

This year's Gateway Regional School District Assessment favors the alternative assessment for the town. Under the statutory method, which town officials supported in year's past for the town's financial benefit, the fiscal 2022 numbers are assessed at \$2,141,379. Under the alternative assessment, the town will save about \$45,000 with an assessment of \$2,099,831.

For Vocational School tuition and transportation, the town is looking to raise and appropriate or transfer \$361,738 and then use \$178,000 from Free Cash. If the sum of Russell's vocational tuition comes in under \$539,738 then the \$361,738 will be raised and the remaining balance transferred from Free

There are several purchases on this year warrant, the largest being \$39,000 from free cash for a new radio system for the Fire Department.

Article 13 seeks \$16,500 to buyout the lease on the glass/plastic compactor at the Transfer Station.

"Yes, we will own the compactor and the benefit would be the overall cost will be less," Administrative Assistant Nacy Boersig said. "Like when you lease a car vs buying it."

The fencing at Russell Pond is knocked down and some parts need to be replaced. Article 14 asks voters to approve \$9,500 from free cash to make the necessary repairs and purchase new

Article 15 asks for \$7,000 from free cash to purchase a new mower for town properties.

The ATM will start 7 p.m. on Monday, June 14, at Russell Elementary School.

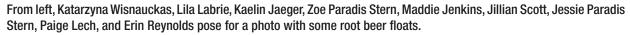


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Katherine and Emily Pawlikowski enjoy s'mores at the Hampshire Regional Calss of 2021 Bonfire on Tuesday, June 1. Photos by Shelby Macri



Seniors enjoyed a variety of games including corn hole and frisbee during the evening.



The bonfire was held in the field behind the Westhampton Public Library.

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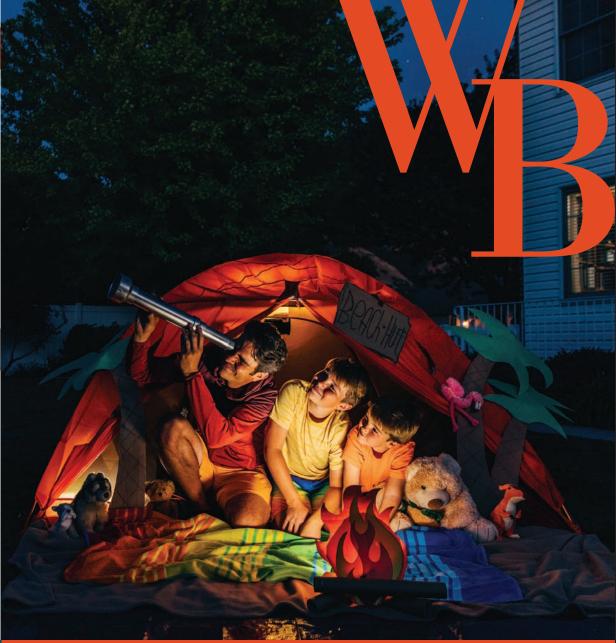
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